GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2650
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Check on Suicide by Students
Antony Shri Anto ;Chandrappa Shri B.N.;Gogoi Shri Gaurav;Kateel Shri Nalin Kumar;Premachandran Shri N.K.;Rajesh Shri M. B.;Roy Prof. Saugata;Scindia Shri Jyotiraditya Madhavrao;Suresh Shri Doddaalahalli Kempegowda

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken note that a Ph.D. student in the University of Hyderabad committed suicide in the University Campus;
(b) if so, the details thereof;
(c) whether the University Grants Commission (UGC) guidelines which were framed in 2012 regarding discrimination at universities and colleges have been violated by the said University, if so, the details thereof;
(d) whether the Government has set up a one-man committee of inquiry in this regard;
(e) if so, the details thereof along with the findings of the committee; and
(f) the action taken by the Government against the guilty persons?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
(SMT. SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

(a) to (f): Shri Chakravarti R. Vemula, a research scholar in University of Hyderabad committed suicide on 17.01.2016 in the University Campus. The University of Hyderabad has informed that it has not violated the University Grants Commission (UGC) guidelines. A Commission of Inquiry, consisting of Justice Ashok Kumar Roopanwal (Retired), has been constituted vide notification dated 02.02.2016 to enquire into the events at the University of Hyderabad, culminating in the death of Shri Chakravarti R. Vemula. Commission has been requested to submit its report and recommendations to the Central Government within three months from the date of appointment.
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